KALMIA LATIFOLIA.

Mountain laurel.

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PLATE XIII.

THE Swedish botanist, Peter Kalm, a pupil of Linnæus, who travelled in North America in 1748—9, has had the honor of giving name to one of the most elegant genera of flowering shrubs which our continent produces. The genus named *Kalmia* by Linnæus, includes several species, of singular beauty, among which the Mountain laurel is much the largest and most elegant, as well as the one whose properties have received most attention. Its occurrence in the United States is very frequent, and its common appellations of course various. The names of *Laurel*, *Lambkill*, *Ivy*, *Spoonwood*, and *Calico bush*, it seems, are applied to it in various parts of the country. This shrub grows in the southern parts of New Hampshire, and is occasionally met with throughout Massachusetts. In the Middle States it becomes more frequent.